

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
**History Of The United States**  
**Areas Of Study**

**I. Review of the Civil War**

- a. Echoes of the conflict throughout modern U.S. history

**II. Reconstruction**

- a. Relationship of the North and South (1865-1877)
- b. Role of black codes, Jim Crow laws, Freedman's Bureau, and Amendments

**III. Industrial America (1860-1900)**

- a. Productivity, immigration, and invention
- b. Vertical and horizontal integration, anti-trust laws, and robber barons

**IV. Gilded Age**

- a. Differences in wealth: the new rich and the urban poor
- b. Corruption in society and laissez-faire government

**V. The Frontier and Western migration**

- a. Lives of settlers; development of industry; interpretations of the region
- b. Changing relationships with Native Americans

**VI. United States as a world force**

- a. Expansionist policy, new market exploration, and entrance into the Pacific

**VII. World War I (1914-1918)**

- a. Emergence of the United States as a global power
- b. Impact of growing alliances, nationalism, and technologies across Europe

**VIII. The Roaring Twenties**

- a. Causes and effects of post-war boom; mood of government and society
- b. Flourishing of art, fashion, music, and inventions during the time

**IX. The Great Depression**

- a. Causes of the collapse; Hoover and the early years
- b. Roosevelt and the New Deal

**X. World War II (1941-1945)**

- a. Rise of dictators in Europe and Asia
- b. Turning points, technologies, effort on the home front, and the Holocaust

**XI. Post-War Period – Seeds of the Cold War**

- a. The rise of communism; Truman Doctrine, Marshall Plan & containment
- b. The nuclear age and the arms race

**XII. The Cold War**

- a. Korea, Berlin Wall, Cuban Missile Crisis, Vietnam, and pivotal moments
- b. Civil Rights: leaders and legislation